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THE ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE

Its full name is Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. B'nai B'rith means "Children of the Covenant", and was organized in 1843 as a purely American institution. Of the 7 million Jews in this country, it represents roughly 3%, or about 200,000. The Anti-Defamation League is an appendage organization to B'nai B'rith, as its name indicates. It was organized in Chicago in 1913. Its headquarters are still in Chicago. It maintains organized branches in about 20 American cities, and membership branches in possibly 75 or 80 more. The number of its present membership is unknown, but believed to be between 30,000 and 40,000. Its last published budget was no less than \$5 million per year, which is an amount hard to account for, unless it be used for activities which it does not care to disclose.

Its stated purposes are two-fold: first, to combat racial and religious intolerance, particularly against Jews, and the supposed defamation of Jews; and second, to carry on a propaganda program. But its aims and program, as deduced from its activities, are greatly different. These may be briefly outlined as follows:

1. The League is internationalist, and violently anti-nationalist. It seeks to condition the mind of youth to Communism, and Internationalism. It has various deceptive disguises. It has, no doubt, infiltrated the schools by lectures, and textbook adoption for these purposes. It has long advocated the establishment of a world court with unlimited powers. It favors the Genocide Pact, and promotes the activities of UNESCO, and many other ideas of internationalism which would tend to destroy the sovereignty of the American government.
2. The League is a secret police organization within the B'nai B'rith. It is known to report on the activities and opinions of almost every person

in public office who openly express opinions which are not in conformity with its own, even including citizens in private gatherings.

3. The League defames all who actively and aggressively oppose Communism,

but there are no known instances of its defaming or attempting to suppress anyone engaged in pro-communistic activities. It has had in its open employ at one time, such pro-communists and smear artists as: Carey McWilliams, John Roy Carlson, whose real name is A. B. Derounian, and who is the author of the smear volume "Under Cover". There is no telling how many such people are in its services covertly. Among the many public figures who have been attacked at one time or the other by this organization are: Senators McCarthy, Wheeler and Eastland; Representatives Martin Dies and Francis Walter; Fulton Lewis, Jr., Dean Manion, and countless others.

4. It is seeking to make the Jews as race conscious as possible, and whether

by connection or not, the Communists have taken advantage of this effort to brand nearly all anti-Communist activities as anti-Semitic. This easily fits into the League's program of coupling in the public mind the anti-Jewish crimes of the Nazis with anti-Semitism in this country. The two have no connection, but the slightest criticism of anyone who is identified as a Jew, whether he be engaged in communist activities or not, is immediately seized upon, and the whole idea is looked upon as a crime. In fact, that is just what the Anti-Defamation League has tried to make it.

5. The principal themes of the League's propaganda coincide with the principal

theme of Communism. The League's program is subtle, but continuous and effective in undermining of our unity and traditions. The race propaganda